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COMMENTS:

Attachment: Transmittal Letter (1 page);
Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages).

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/047,461 for
THIN FILM ELECTROPHORESIS APPARATUS AND
METHOD
Our Ref. No. 1392/10/2/2/2

Sir:

Please find attached the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages).

Please contact our offices if there are any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of: Guttman et al.

Group Art Unit: 1753

Serial No.: 10/047,461

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated August 18, 2004, having a 3-month term for Response that expired on November 18, 2004. A one (1)-month extension of the response period up to and including December 18, 2004 is respectfully requested. Please charge the \$120.00 extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0426. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

Application Serial No.: 10/047,461

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-16 and 49-61	Drawn to an apparatus for electrophoresis.
II	17-27	Drawn to a method of data analysis.
III	28-36	Drawn to a method of molding a separation medium.
IV	37-41	Drawn to a method of performing electrophoresis.
V	42-48	Drawn to a computer readable storage medium.

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-16 and 49-61, drawn to an apparatus for electrophoresis, for prosecution at this time.

REMARKS

Claims 1-61 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-61 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-16 and 49-61, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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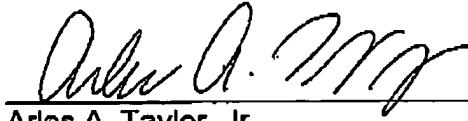
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